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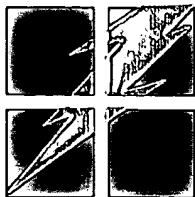
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for MULTIPORT DIVERTER VALVE  
Due Date: May 9, 2006**

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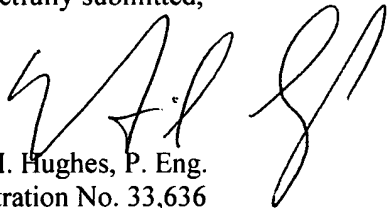
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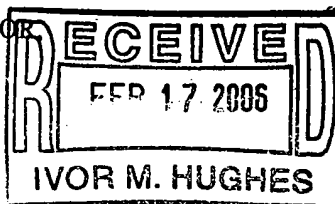
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